

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

*WHEREAS*; we acknowledge that critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, healthcare, and emergency response systems; and

*WHEREAS*; cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for any individual or organization who connects to the internet, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, government agencies, educational institutions, and the home user; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, all Wisconsinites are reminded of the importance of monitoring their online accounts, being conscientious of what they share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely; and

*WHEREAS*; the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign – STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ – is implemented through a coalition of private companies, non-profits, government organizations, and academic institutions, and is dedicated to increasing the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering all Americans to better protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to providing every individual and organization across our state with the resources and information necessary to stay safe online and connect with confidence;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

## NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 2020.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State